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Re: Alaska Salmon Production Report

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Enclosed is the Annual Alaska Salmon Production report for calendar year 2008. We compile the report from Annual Alaska Salmon Production reports completed by processors who are required to report by state statute. Please note that production areas E, F, H and I are not shown on the report due to confidentiality requirements (see below). Information for these areas is included in the statewide totals.

The reporting threshold for processors is 1 million pounds of salmon products sold at wholesale in the previous calendar year. Following are definitions used in producing the report:

- "Production area" is where the product was processed into a reportable salmon product form within Alaska by the processor or its affiliate. If the salmon was exported in the round and then reprocessed into a reportable product, the production area is "Exported in the Round" (Production Area I).
- No quality distinctions are made within each product form category.
- "Product forms" are those listed in Alaska Statute 43.80.050(a). These are the only product forms that are included in the Annual Alaska Salmon Production Report database and are the only ones that the processors are required to report.

Confidentiality Requirements

We do not report information for some areas when it could identify the quantity or value produced by a particular processor (as indicated by the use of a single or double asterisk). We use the following guidelines when evaluating confidentiality:

- If there are three or more processors for a given area, the information is reported unless one processor accounts for over 80% of the quantity produced or if two processors account for over 95% of the quantity produced.
- If there are only one or two processors for a given area, the information is not reported.

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Sincerely,

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